

JOHN N. LANDON.

MAY 23, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. SAMUEL W. SMITH, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 1361.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1361) granting an increase of pension to John N. Landon, have examined the same and the evidence relating thereto and respectfully report:

This bill proposes to increase from \$10 to \$16 per month the pension of John N. Landon, of Leavenworth, Kans.

The Senate report states the facts, and is as follows:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 1361) granting an increase of pension to John N. Landon, have examined the same and report:

A similar bill passed the Senate and was reported favorably by the House during the first session of the Fifty-fourth Congress.

The Senate report was as follows, which your committee adopt, and recommend the passage of the bill:

"John N. Landon enlisted at Marietta, Pa., April 21, 1861, as private in Company K, Fifteenth Pennsylvania Infantry Volunteers, and was discharged August 8, 1861; reenlisted August 9, 1861, in Company H, One hundred and thirty-fifth Pennsylvania Infantry Volunteers, and was discharged May 24, 1863.

"On the 8th day of April, 1890, he applied for pension under old law, alleging rheumatism contracted in the service, which affected his right leg, which is now and has been for many years shrunken and decayed from the effects of the rheumatism.

"On July 3, 1890, he applied for pension under the new law, alleging rheumatism, resulting in his permanent and total disability.

"The examining boards before whom claimant appeared found him suffering from the disabilities which he alleged, and he was granted \$10 under the new law.

"There is no evidence on file with the papers in the claim to establish the allegation of soldier that disability originated in the service. We can not, therefore, see that he has a valid claim under the old law.

"Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill."

The bill is therefore reported back with the recommendation that it pass when amended as follows:

In lines 8 and 9, after the word "Infantry" in line 8, strike out the words "said pension to be," and insert in lieu thereof the words "and pay him a pension."

In line 9, after the word "dollars," insert the words "per month."

Amend the title so as to read: "An act granting an increase of pension to John N. Landon."